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By the Lords Justices,
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For a General F A S T.

Tho. Cantuar. J. Sommers C. S. Pembroke C. P. S. Devonshire. Shrewsbury. Dorset. Godolphin.



Taking into Our most serious Consideration the continued War, in which His Majesty (Our Gracious Sovereign) together with most of the Princes and States of Europe, are Engaged against the French King, and that upon the Success thereof the Common Safety of His Majesties Kingdom doth, under God, wholly depend, and putting Our trust in Almighty God, that he will vouchsafe a Special Blessing on His Majesties Righteous Undertakings, and Consummate the Deliberance of these Nations, by settling the same in a firm and lasting State of Peace, Security, and Prosperity, have thought fit to Appoint, and do (by and with the Advice of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council) hereby Appoint and Command a General and Publick Fast, and Humiliation, to be Observed throughout His Majesties Realm of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, in most Devout and Solemn Manner, for Supplicating Almighty God for the Pardon of Our Sins, and for Imploving his Blessing and Protection in the Preservation of His Majesties Sacred Person, and Prosperity of His Arms both at Land and Sea, on Friday the Twentieth Day of June. And for the more orderly Solemnizing of the same, We have given Directions to the Right Reverend the Bishops of this Kingdom, to Compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches and Chappels, and other Places of Publick Worship, and to take care for the timely Dispersing of the same through their several Dioceses in the whole Kingdom. And We do strictly Charge and Command, That the said Fastings and Prayers be Soberly, Reverently and Decently performed by all His Majesties Loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of such Punishments as His Majesty can justly inflict upon all such as shall Contemn or Neglect so Religious a Work.

Given at the Council Chamber at Whitehall, the Three and Twentieth Day of May, 1696. In the Eighth Year of His Majesties Reign.

God save the King.

L O N D O N,

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